

Vehicle Use on the Hoosier NF








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When traveling in the Hoosier National Forest (HNF), visitors travel on roads that are under Forest Service, state, or county jurisdiction. Did you know the rules for operation on Forest Service roads are different from those for state and county roads? To help Forest visitors understand the rules and where they apply, the forest publishes a Motor Vehicle Use Map that identifies what types of vehicles are permitted and where they may be used. This map is available for free at Hoosier National Forest offices and on the website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/recreation/motor_vehicle_use.htm.

To further clarify vehicle use rules, the following information is provided.

Vehicle	Is this type of vehicle legal in the Hoosier National Forest?	Is it legal on state and county roads?
Car, SUV, truck, or motorcycle  	Yes, but the vehicle must be licensed under state law for general operation on all public roads within the state (highway legal). You may operate a car, SUV, truck, or motorcycle on any HNF road with a sign that looks like this. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on trails. Motorized vehicles may not be used for “cruising” in a developed recreation area.	Yes, in accordance with state law.
ATV/UTV or off road motorcycle that is not plated for highway use 	No, ATV/UTVs and non-plated motorcycles may not be operated on any HNF road or trail, including campground roads.	It depends. ATV/UTVs and non-plated motorcycles may be operated on county roads in the following counties if they are registered with the DNR: Crawford, Jackson, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Perry. Dubois County allows use on county roads for agricultural purposes.
Moped, motor scooter, or motorized bicycle  	Yes, if they meet Indiana state requirements to be exempt from licensing and titling requirements. These are vehicles that have a cylinder capacity of less than 50 cubic centimeters, a horsepower rating of less than two, and an automatic transmission. You may operate a moped on any HNF road with a sign that looks like this. mopeds are not allowed on HNF trails and may not be used for “cruising” in a developed recreation area.	There are special requirements and restrictions governing the use of these vehicles on public roads. Contact your local law enforcement agency to ensure you are safe and within the law.



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<p>Golf Cart</p> 	<p>No, golf carts may not be operated on any HNF road or trails, including campground roads.</p>	<p>No. However, recent state legislation now allows cities or towns to adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts if they meet certain criteria. None of the Hoosier National Forest is within the incorporated boundaries of any city or town, so golf carts are still not allowed on roads within the Forest. Contact your local law enforcement agency to determine the requirements for the community you wish to ride in.</p>
<p>Wheelchair or mobility scooter (these devices may be battery powered)</p> 	<p>Yes, they are allowed anywhere foot travel is allowed. To be permitted, these devices must meet two criteria as defined in the Americans with Disability Act: 1) they must be designed solely for use by a mobility impaired person for locomotion, and 2) they must be suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.</p>	<p>It is not recommended to use these devices on roadways.</p>
<p>Wagon, buggy, surrey</p> 	<p>Yes and no. Wagons and similar stock drawn vehicles are permitted only in HNF horsecamps: Blackwell, Hickory Ridge, Shirley Creek, Youngs Creek, and German Ridge. They are not permitted on HNF trails.</p>	<p>There are special requirements and restrictions governing the use of these vehicles on public roads. Contact your local law enforcement agency to ensure you are safe and within the law.</p>
<p>Bicycle</p> 	<p>Yes, bicycles are permitted on all roads in the HNF that are open to cars, SUVs, and trucks. You may also ride on HNF trails that have been designated as open to bicycle use. A permit is required except for the beach access trail at Hardin Ridge (see the Forest website for more information).</p>	<p>Yes, in accordance with state law.</p>

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